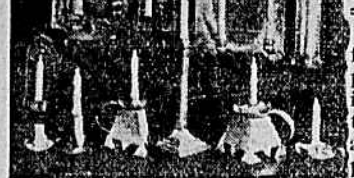


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BURGLARS FAILED TO ROB RAILROAD

Broke Into Three Ticket Offices
on Southern Without Get-
ting Any Money.

Southern Railway officers in this city were notified early yesterday morning that burglars had attempted to enter the ticket offices at Dorset, Middlethian and Mosley's, a request being made that railroad detectives and the police of Manchester and Richmond be urged to look out for the gang, which was heading in this direction. From all accounts, the attempt was made by amateurs, as there was no evidence to show that professionals had done the work.

At Mosley's, the window pane was cut and a bolt slipped so that the cash might be easily raised. For some reason, the thieves failed to enter the cash drawer, though they had prized it partly open. Had they smashed it, the reward would have been small, as the agent had removed the cash Wednesday night, leaving only a few cents.

At each station the same method was adopted. When he went to work yesterday morning, Agent W. T. Field, at Middlethian, saw a strange man near the station, though his suspicious were not aroused until he found that the office had been visited by a burglar. He immediately ran out in the hope of apprehending the stranger, without finding a trace of him.

The railroad detectives believe that the robbers went from station to station on some of the freight trains passing there at night. Reports yesterday indicated that the citizens were on the alert, believing that the burglars were still in Southern Railway territory.

ROBBERS ATTACK FARMER

Drewry Taylor, of Cartersville, made to put money in highwayman's hat. Drewry Taylor, a farmer, of Cartersville, Va., who reached Richmond Wednesday night, reported to the detectives yesterday morning that he was held up and robbed soon after leaving the Main Street Station. The stranger says he did not know his way about the city, and was walking along a dark street—supposed by the police to be Seventeenth Street—when two men seized him and made him empty his pockets into a hat. The highwaymen, according to Taylor, secured about \$20, and he had nothing else of value about him. Taylor did not report the matter to the police Wednesday night, and his delay makes a capture improbable. The stranger cannot furnish a description of his assailants.

Services at Beth Abrahah. Owing to the very inclement weather of last Friday, the participation of the Choral Union in the service at Beth Abrahah Synagogue did not take place. It was postponed until this week. The union will sing the service this evening, and will render as the anthem "Gounod's 'By Babylon's Wave.'" Dr. E. N. Calisch will conduct the service, and will preach on the subject, "The Jew as an Idealist." On tomorrow morning he will speak on the subject, "Some Commonplace Virtues." The public is invited.

CONFIRM SALE OF WHITE SULPHUR

Chesapeake and Ohio Secures
Property and Will Make
Elaborate Improvements.

Reports printed in The Times-Dispatch some months ago of the sale of the White Sulphur Springs to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company were confirmed yesterday. The property was secured from the Dulaney estate, but the purchase price is not stated.

It is understood that elaborate improvements will be made before the opening of the next season, when the new management will be in control. The new owners will endeavor, it is said, to restore the White to its former position as the leading resort of the South.

It has been generally reported for more than a year that the White had been secured by the railway company and that its management in future would be much like that governing the Virginia Hot Springs, but until yesterday the rumors of the sale had denied the rumors and have declared time and again that there was no truth in them. The improvements will not be completed this spring, but in another year, if the plans mature, the accommodations will be greatly improved.

CHARGE HIM WITH ROBBING LETTER

Young Man Held for Taking
Check Out of Registered
Parcel in Post-Office.

United States Marshal Trent returned in custody A. S. Bristow, of Locust Hill, Middlesex county, who is charged with having opened a registered letter and stolen therefrom a check for \$102.40, which was cashed at the Bank of Urbana. Bristow is now in the Henrico county jail, and will probably waive a hearing before United States Commissioner Flegenhelm. The prisoner is eighteen years old, and is a son of Floyd Bristow, a prominent man in Middlesex.

Bristow, it is said, does not deny having taken the letter, which, it is alleged, disappeared while he was working in the post-office, of which his brother has charge. In order to secure the cash value of the paper, it is claimed the indorsement was forged, and this led to the arrest. Post-Office Inspector Barber, Bristow had been in the Middlesex jail less than twenty-four hours when he was removed to Richmond.

Ex-Governor Montague and State Senator Saunders have been retained as counsel for Bristow, and it is probable that application for bail will be made as soon as the commissioner has passed on the case. The mother and brother of the accused have reimbursed the bank for its loss. The alleged forger was committed last September, and the owner of the check was a woman.

REDWOOD FILES DEMURRER

Will Contest Dissolution of Firemen's
Relief Association.

J. H. Redwood, a member of the firm of Garrison & Redwood, and a former captain in the Richmond Fire Department, appeared before Judge Ingram in the Law and Equity Court yesterday and filed a demurrer to the petition looking to a dissolution of the Firemen's Relief Association. Argument will be heard on the demurrer on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Captain Redwood has been one of the most active members of the Relief Association, and is fighting any steps which look to its dissolution. The committee to take steps to wind up its affairs, instituted a suit for a receiver through State Senator Sands Gayle, attorney, in the style, W. H. Thompson against the Firemen's Relief Association. John Lamb appeared for Captain Redwood.

TWO WOMEN ARRESTED

One Charged With Selling Liquor
Without a License.

Kate Sermon, twenty-one years old, of 1117 West Cary Street, will appear in Police Court to-day to answer a charge of drunkenness. Dora Delmar, in whose home the girl is alleged to have purchased the intoxicants, is also under arrest on a charge of dispensing liquors without a license. The Sergeant woman was bailed for her appearance. It is said that there were several other women in the house, but they escaped on the approach of the officers.

EX-CONVICTS ROB THEIR EMPLOYER

Steal Gloves From Wagon Even
Before Reaching New
Place of Labor.

W. P. Veitch, a contractor, being unable to secure laborers, went to the Old Market Wednesday and engaged four negroes, all of whom agreed to his terms and accepted positions to work in Henrico county. The men agreed to leave at once to accept the jobs, and Mr. Veitch summoned one of his wagons to take them down the country. Unfortunately for Mr. Veitch, he did not require or ask for recommendations, but took the word of the men that they were perfectly honest and capable. In the wagon were deposited several dozen pairs of gloves. The driver of the wagon, a negro, did not notice what was going on behind him until he had got several miles from the city, and then, to his dismay, he discovered that the men had left him and that the gloves had disappeared. Mr. Veitch reported his loss to the detectives yesterday morning, and when the list was scanned it was discovered that all four had recently completed terms in the City Jail. The gloves have not been recovered, but the police do not think it will be long before the men are in the same quarters they occupied before Mr. Veitch offered them work.

LOBBY ROUTED BY PUBLIC SENTIMENT

Professional Agitators Weaken
in Effort to Block Union
of Cities.

MEMBERS MORE LIBERAL

Leaders in Council Impressed
With Business Demand to
Ratify Ordinance.

Although developments yesterday did not show any decided change one way or the other in the matter of consolidation, business people who have been working indefatigably for the annexation of Manchester and other cities predicted last night that there was more reasonable hope of success now than at any time since the negotiations began. From all accounts, the professional and political lobby which has been endeavoring to block the union has been routed by the adverse public sentiment, the opinion being that the leaders would not undertake to defeat a measure for a consideration—when the commercial organizations and citizens generally are pleading to the municipal patriots. Leaders in the two branches of City Council admit the importance of the measure, feeling that when the people are demanding it, there is no just ground on which the ordinance may be attacked.

While there are certain features which are not altogether pleasing to members, they seem to realize that the ordinance as a whole is satisfactory, and must be adopted in its present shape, or killed for all time.

Cannot Combat Argument.

Even the opponents of annexation, on second thought, declared that with the tremendous pressure which is being brought to bear, they could not combat the argument of business people who have studied the problem, and who favor consolidation because of the rich advantages which it will unquestionably bring. Indeed, the municipal lobby out of Council is taking a broad and liberal view of the matter, and to settle it there, without attempting to throw the decision and responsibility upon the people, which might indicate that members are afraid to go on record in view of the approaching campaign.

In the annexed territory, where it was claimed that most opposition had developed, it was explained that the city had done far more than might have been expected from Henrico county, and that with the improved financial conditions the city this year will be able to do still more. In other words, it was shown that these new sections would not be neglected while the fund would be diverted to Washington Ward, the name heretofore of the territory on the south side of the river.

While the opposition has become less active, the people who are working for consolidation are putting forth still greater efforts to secure more than the number of votes needed in both branches of Council to adopt the ordinance. So hopeful does the outlook appear that it is believed possible that both the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen will ratify the measure next week, and then transfer the fight, half won, to Manchester.

PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

Citizens Organize and Pass Resolutions
About Police Salaries.

The Citizens' Protective League, designed to prevent the acquisition of real property and its occupation by negroes in sections now occupied by white people was organized at Dabney's Hall Wednesday night. The following officers were elected: President, J. L. Braxton; Vice-President, N. V. Coleman; Secretary and Treasurer, David Kaufman; Committee on public affairs—J. R. Thomas, T. J. Garry and J. Weinstein.

The association adopted resolutions asking that any white man who acquires real property directly or indirectly so that it will be deemed to be disposed of property that he is no longer able to retain, will give the league at least sixty days notice of his intention to sell and also give an option of at least ten days to the league to purchase the property at the same price offered by others.

Citizens are informed that there are no assessments or fees; that all the league asks is moral support. All citizens of Richmond, whether property owners or not, are asked to become members. The next meeting will be held at Dabney's Hall on February 15.

Marriage Licenses Issued. Marriage licenses were issued in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court yesterday for the following: John Farmer and Bernard Woody; Ida M. Woody.

SELLING LIQUOR BY WHOLESALE

North Carolina Moonshiners Kept
Busy Supplying Home
Trade.

Reports of flagrant violations of the revenue laws in Franklin county, N. C., were received by Revenue Agent Chapman yesterday, and have been referred to the district attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for further action. Deputy Collector Lewis, who made the raids, reports that he suspects Joseph May, whose house is not far from the main plant, but a search of his premises failed to disclose any direct evidence. The distillery, which was not in operation when the officers arrived, is located on lands of B. F. Green, but Green is not suspected of being implicated in the violations.

Deputy Lewis reports that conditions were worse than he has seen in his experience in the business. Numerous jugs were found concealed under bushes, in fence corners and under sheds, which indicated that the operators, whoever they might have been, had been selling their illegal product by wholesale. Two stills, 100 gallons of whiskey, thirteen fermenters and 700 gallons of beer were confiscated by the revenue men.

HIGH PRICES AT CORN PRIZE SALE

One Ear Brings \$1.10 at Auction
Five in Bunch Bring-
ing \$5.25.

THIRTY-ONE BOYS COMPETE

Score Cards Sent to Blacksburg
to Determine Prize
Winners.

Thirty-one sons of Virginia farmers yesterday took part in the corn judging contest exhibition of the Virginia Corn Growers' Association held at the Jefferson Hotel under the auspices of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute. Because of the large number of contestants, it was impossible to decide which were entitled to the prizes. The score cards will be taken to Blacksburg by Professor Lyman E. Carriera, who will in a short time announce the winners. Each boy was given a score card to judge and grade, being required to make the scores on cards used in the agricultural department of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

During the judging, a lecture was delivered by W. Oscar Collier, judge of the show, on selecting seed corn and the use of crimson clover as a soil improver.

The association, after judging was over, elected the following officers: President, Dr. Charles U. Gravatt; Vice-President, Charles Wampler; Secretary and Treasurer, Professor Lyman E. Carriera. The board of directors will be appointed after a conference between the president, vice-president and secretary. At the meeting, corn exhibited by Dr. Gravatt was pronounced pure-bred under the rules of the association by unanimous vote.

At the close of the show all the prize corn was sold at auction, bringing \$44.20. The highest single ear brought \$1.10, while the best ten ears brought \$5.25. Announcement was made that one of the King Corn special prizes offered by The Times-Dispatch for next year would be given to the person raising the greatest amount of corn on five acres of land. Those wishing to compete in this class are requested to write Professor Lyman E. Carriera, at Blacksburg, for terms.

Some Prize Winners.

The judging of the other classes was completed at noon with the following results:

Class 3—Best ten ears of white corn: First prize, A. F. Turner, Port Royal; second prize, Dr. Charles U. Gravatt, Port Royal; third prize, R. D. Adams, Red Oak; fourth prize, J. A. Hardy, Blacksburg; fifth prize, T. O. Sandy, Blacksburg.

Mr. Gravatt also took the sweetstake prize for the best ten ears in the show, and received a corn plant, donated by the Watt Plow Company.

Class 4—Best ten ears of yellow corn: First prize, W. G. Reut, Roanoke; second prize, D. M. Wetzel, Port Royal; third prize, W. C. Parkinson, Taylorsville; fourth prize, R. R. Moore, Blacksburg; fifth prize, W. C. Parkinson, Jr., Taylorsville.

Class 5—Best ten ears of prolific corn: First prize, J. A. Hardy, Blacksburg; second prize, Dr. Samuel S. Guerrant, Calloway; third prize, R. M. Guerrant, Somerset.

Berkley D. Adams, a prize winner at the State Fair last fall, won the prize for the best single ear at the show, and took the silver cup offered by T. W. Wood & Sons.

A second ribbon was awarded Dr. Guerrant because of the excellence of the ear shown.

WORK IS EASY HERE

Trump Says Fraternity Ignores Richmond Because Jobs Are Too plentiful. Daniel Smith, of Boston, Mass., after a walk from Ashland, begged lodging last night at the First Police Station. Smith claims he walked from Alexandria to Ashland on Wednesday, and finished his journey to Richmond, where he expected to find work, last night. Smith says he is a glassblower and that he left his home in Massachusetts because of a cut in wages. The traveler says he came to Richmond to get one of the many jobs he saw advertised in a copy of The Times-Dispatch, which he picked up on the road.

"Tramps tell me it is too easy to get work in Richmond," said Smith last night, "but I am tired of running around, and thought I'd come here to settle down." He was given a room and will be released this morning.

Caught in Petersburg.

Clarence M. Inge was arrested in Petersburg yesterday for the second time. He was charged with stealing \$7 from Thomas B. Hicks & Sons. Inge was brought back here last night and will be heard in the Police Court this morning. The charge has been pending several months.

STAFF OFFICERS NAMED

Governor Names Issues Commissioners to
Study Five Colonies.

Governor Mann yesterday directed the issuance of commissions as colonel to the following, who have been appointed as members of his staff for a term of four years:

Alexander D. Hamilton, Petersburg; chief of staff; Robert W. Arnold, Jr., Waverly; G. Sheldon Bowman, Salem; J. B. Boyer, Tazewell; R. L. Brewer, Jr., Suffolk; Andrew Jackson Gray, Jr., Richmond; Lucius Gregory, Chatham; E. H. Hurd, Lynchburg; John M. Herndon, Danville; J. W. Holloway, Smithfield; James D. Johnston, Roanoke; C. L. Kidd, Bristol; Thomas B. McAdams, Richmond; William J. Neils, Newport News; William W. Old, Norfolk; William Henry Sargent, Jr., Norfolk; George J. Seay, Richmond; William T. Shields, Lexington; S. S. Shimmerman, Speedwell; E. Hugh Smith, Heathsville; Richard C. Stokes, Lynchburg; J. F. Templeton, Waynesboro; W. C. White, Culpeper; Roy D. White, Parkley.

Stole Barrel of Flour.

William Burwell, colored, of 1117 Concord Street, reported to the detectives yesterday morning that his house was broken into Wednesday night and a barrel of flour which had been ordered for a family, had been stolen. In making the complaint, Burwell said there are so many people in his neighborhood in need of bread that he cannot imagine who the criminal can be.

SEVEN FUGITIVES ARRESTED HERE

Police Round Up Four Newport
News Burglars, All of
Whom Confess.

OTHERS SENT ELSEWHERE

Alleged Horse Thief From Penn-
sylvania Caught by Local
Force.

Seven fugitives were arrested in Richmond Wednesday by the local police and detective departments, and in Police Court yesterday morning the prisoners were ready for officers from Norristown, Pa., Newport News, Va., and Washington, D. C. Four of the men were entrusted to the care of Chief of Police Reynolds, of Newport News; Detective Cox, of Washington, claimed two, and the last man was sent for trial to Norristown.

"Never before in Richmond," said Captain McMahon yesterday, "have we had a more successful day. The seven men were wanted on felony warrants, and that they should all have been located here by our police and detectives is a coincidence that may not happen again in a century. Things worked admirably for us, and we nailed the right fellow at every turn."

Caught Four Burglars.

On Wednesday night, a telegram came from Newport News that Jesse Poole, Pete Boykin, Ryland Spiry and George Gaines, all colored, had committed a burglary there the night before, and had been seen to board a train for Richmond. Officer Bernstein was sent to the Chesapeake and Ohio freight yards, and when the train came in four men were seen to jump from one of the rear cars. The policeman, with the aid of a county detective, arrested the four, and later in the night Chief Reynolds was notified.

When the Newport News chief came yesterday to claim his prisoners he at once recognized them, and before he took them in charge a full confession of the crime had been made, each man acknowledging his part in the felony. Chief Reynolds, with his prisoners, left for Newport News.

Claims Two Prisoners.

Detective Cox came here to claim Lenwood George, who was released Wednesday from the State Penitentiary, and who is wanted in Washington for grand larceny. Cox had been in Richmond many hours before S. C. Stone was arrested as a fugitive. When Stone was brought into detective headquarters Cox was there, and he immediately recognized him. "We want that fellow in Washington, too," he said, before Major Werner could explain that his men had been on his track for several days. Stone and George were both taken into custody by Cox, and left for Washington yesterday.

But these are not all the arrests accredited to the local officers. William Marshall, an alleged fugitive from Norristown, Pa., was arrested Wednesday as a horse thief. Some time ago a telegram told that Marshall was in Richmond, and Policeman Tanner recently learned where he was in the habit of loading Wednesday the night before. The chief of police in Norristown, as soon as he was notified, asked that the prisoner be held, and an officer has already taken the alleged fugitive to Pennsylvania.

TO COURT OVER TREE

Man Who Cut It Down Wins Suit
Brought by Neighbor.

In the Circuit Court of this city yesterday morning, the suit of Mrs. Annie L. Drumheller against John E. Harding for damages to the amount of \$200 was decided in favor of the defendant. The suit arose from the fact that in clearing the line between the two properties, Mr. Harding cut down a tree which was situated a short distance over on Mrs. Drumheller's property.

The plaintiff claimed that though the tree was small and diseased it was of great sentimental value, having been planted there by her son, who is dead. It was shown in the evidence that Mr. Hardy did not know it was there, as honeysuckle vines growing on the line fence had completely covered the tree, and that he was employed to do the work did not know the tree was over the line, and cut it down. The jury could not see that Mrs. Drumheller had been damaged.

Dropped His Pocketbook.

George H. Taylor, of Fuvanna county, who came to see the legislators in session at Richmond, was temporarily bankrupt yesterday. He believes his pocketbook, containing \$15, was lost in Capitol Square. The money has not been recovered, but reports later yesterday were that the visitor had been reimbursed, and would leave for home to-day.

Looks for Missing Son.

S. Goodman, of Portsmouth, was in Richmond yesterday in search of his son, who disappeared from home on February 1. The missing boy is seventeen years old. The Detective and Police Departments have joined with the father in his search for the boy.

Kaminsky, whose store is on Seven-

teenth Street, says he was detained

more than an hour yesterday by Jefferson's fastidious tastes, and as he is in the habit of waiting on railroad men, he did not suspect his intentions. He discarded his overcoat, and had contracted for a cash purchase of every garment necessary to complete his toilet, not omitting an overcoat, a derby hat and a pair of kid gloves.

Kaminsky brought the discarded

overcoat to the station house. The negro is charged with stealing the outfit, the cost price of which is not enough to create a felony, and will answer Kaminsky's warrant in the Police Court this morning.

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JUDGE WITT ISSUES SALOON LICENSES

Court Holds Back Nine at Street-Car Transfer
Points and Near Public Markets--No Com-
plaint Against Conduct of Any Saloon.

After spending the entire day in considering the applications for renewals of liquor licenses, Judge Samuel B. Witt, in the Hustings Court, yesterday announced the names of 141 dealers, against whom no protest has been brought, and who will be allowed to continue in business for another year. Nine licenses are withheld, but four of these are saloons located at street car transfer points, and will be renewed as soon as the proprietors have secured quarters satisfactory to the court.

Five saloons, all of them on Sixth Street, between Broad and Clay Streets, will be put out of business, if the decision of the court stands. Nevertheless the saloon keepers will be allowed a hearing next week, when the pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church will make formal protest against continuing the bar rooms in the neighborhood. There was no complaint of any kind against the holders of the licenses renewed.

"There has not been any complaint against the personal conduct of any saloon," said Judge Witt yesterday afternoon, "and the nine licenses are denied solely on account of location." The day for the hearing of the complaints against the North Sixth Street dealers has not been fixed, and will not be until the church is prepared to present its case.

The holders of all the 150 licenses

have paid their tax to the City Treas-

urer, but the money could not be used

until Judge Witt had rendered his de-

cision.

The general impression is that the

conduct of the 150 saloons during the

past year has been all that could be

desired, and Judge Witt's statement

that no complaint against the person-

nel of the proprietors has been made is

said to evidence the satisfactory man-

ner in which the whiskey business is

conducted in Richmond. Clerk Chris-

tian is prepared to renew the bonds

of all dealers whose licenses have been

renewed.

Those Who Secured Renewals.

The following licenses were granted

by Judge Witt:

Albert G. Anthony, Sr. and Frank

T. Anthony, 912 East Main Street;

Gussepe Arrighi, 1619 East Main

Street; John H. Albert, 824 West Broad

Street; Albert G. Anthony, Jr., 1004

West Broad Street; Samuel T. Allen,

North Twenty-fifth Street; John A.

McAlexander, 1100 North First Street;

Gussepe Brucelli, 125 West Duval

Street; Charles R. Blankenship, 706

East Broad Street; David A. Blanken-

ship, 2429 East Main Street; Edward

S. Box, 2001 Venable Street; John A.

Bortocci, 524 West Broad Street; Louis

Blagi, 600 Brook Avenue; Robert L.

Butler, 12 North Eleventh Street;

Louis Baldard, 312 North Seventh

Street; Alonzo D. Blankenship, 2403

East Main Street; Philip J. Bagley, 316

North Twenty-fifth Street; Frank Bo-

nalda, 200 East Baker Street; Thomas

F. Bagley, 110 North Twenty-fifth

Street; Peter Bonini, 617 East Marsh-

all Street; James J. Burke, 1421 North

Seventh Street; Thomas E. Blake, 2114

East Main Street.

J. B. Canapa and Joseph A. Baccal-

galupo, 1615 East Franklin Street; R.

L. Christian and Company, 814 East Main

Street; Joseph Caserio, 2201 East Main

Street; Edward J. Cook, 918 East Cary

Street; Joseph Carncelli, 128 West

Broad Street; Consensus Supply Company,

1100 East Cary Street; Connel & Mil-

ler, 204 East Broad Street; F. F. Calla-

han, 800 North Fifth Street; Peter Cas-

telricchi, 2424 East Main Street; Gio-

vanni B. Chiappi, 1430 East Main

Street; Edward Cowardin, 501 North

Seventh Street.

John T. Duffy, 115 Louisiana Street;

P. H. Donahoe, 910 North Seventeenth

Street; Harry Dallenmura, 228 West

Broad Street; Doyle's Cafe (Inc.), 608

East Broad Street; Andrew Donati,

1718 East